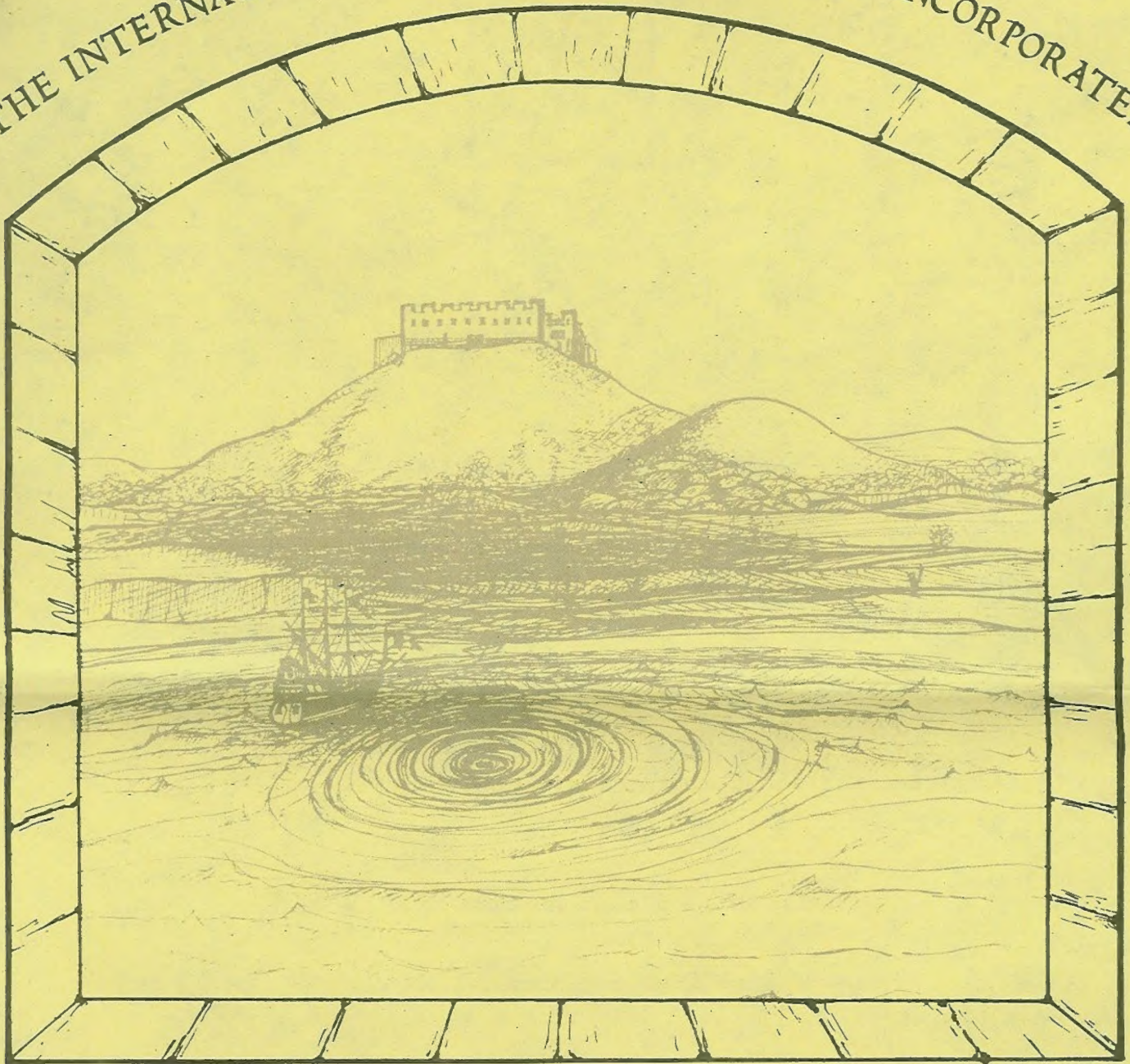


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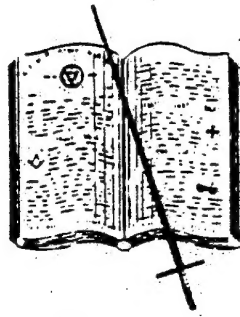
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Dear Companion

We could say your exam for MASTER OF SACRED SCIENCE is almost around the corner! You are making fine progress. Letters from fellow sojourners are expressing their anticipation ... already some are even contemplating the Doctorate for which all sojourners will be eligible to sit, at the end of the course.

Regarding the Work which is still ahead, if you are so enthusiastic about what you are receiving now ... what will you say about the second half? !!!

All things good come to those who are patient!

Be of good cheer Brethren ... SLOWLY BUT SURELY WINS THE RACE.

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Respected Companions

Greetings in the Light of Truth!

Responding to the request for more information from our Gnostic sources, we present in this Liber the first of a two-part enquiry which we expect will be well received by all Companions.

First off, we continue with the fifth in the series of doctrinal exegeses interpreted Alchemically: "Putrefactio". (Sixth in the series is "Fermentio" and the seventh, which will appear in Liber 48, is "Combustio".)

Our text is:

"So also is the resurrection of the dead.
It is sown in corruption." 1 Cor. 15:42

Alchemically, the process of putrefaction is of absorbing interest for it must be remembered that by virtue of the very definitions of the word 'alchemical' or 'alchemy', we are dealing essentially with secret processes. Among other definitions already given we may cite the Arabic usage: Al - the; Komia - Secret thing. Also another:- the Egyptian and Chaldean: Al or El - God; Cham - sun. In other words alchemy is the God influence or solar influence expressed in Nature.

Applying this concept of the essential meaning of alchemy to the doctrine of putrefactio, Hermetically, we find that there is embodied in the process an essential secret, which conceals the activity of the God or Solar influence.

GOD CANNOT BE JUDGED BY HUMAN STANDARDS Note this fact carefully, brethren, — God, great as we conceive Him to be, Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnific as he undoubtedly is, IS A CREATOR, NOT A DESTROYER. There is no provision in the attributes of Deity for Destruction. The ancient and olden concepts of God as an avenging God were simply that the older writers attributed to God personally, the responsibility for individual acts of Karma. Likewise the concept of God as a destroyer, in his desire for punishment and vengeance, was due solely to the inability of the earlier thinkers to understand that God is not to be judged by human standards, and acts that may appear to us to be destructive on account of the forcible or other change of external form of Matter, may be in the Infinite Wisdom of the Divine Mind be but the speediest form of constructive activity.

AT 'DEATH' ONLY THE FORM IS CHANGED And as we note the wholesale slaughter of lower forms of life, organic and inorganic, by the higher forms, those higher forms in turn causing through wars the transitions of hundreds of thousands of human souls almost in a moment of time, we may, in a sense, become reconciled to such conditions when we know for a certainty that of all the millions of deaths, for instance, in the Great Wars, not a single human life could be destroyed. The form of its external vehicle may have been forcibly altered or removed, but the *living spirit is impervious against the assaults of the enemy.*

So it is, that God is solely a PRODUCER, A CREATOR, A CONSTRUCTOR, AND BUILDER. What seems to be destruction, is in His ineffable Wisdom but the best and quickest way to reconstruction, greater creative activity, evolution, and progress.

Having these concepts in mind, we shall realize that, gruesome as the word "Putrefaction" has come to be, through the properties usually associated with it and the environment of its activities, it enshrines, ensouls and conceals perhaps the greatest and most sublime mystery of all the wondrous acts of an Omnipotent God, the mystery of the resurrection of life.

Before proceeding further, let us carefully consider the words of St. Paul in his first Epistle to the Corinthians, the 15th chapter, beginning at the 35th verse. These words have been read to countless thousands in churches and have been used by nearly every known creed in Christendom at the Burial of the so-called 'dead', yet among generations of those who, having ears hear not, (for they have waxed gross and dull), these mystic words have fallen upon barren soil.

WHICH BODY RESURRECTS? Through all the centuries of human thought it is noteworthy that since the Fall of Man whereby his eyes were blinded to the truth by his captivity to the senses, his interest has been principally concerned with — and his attention devoted to : external manifestation. Hence all through this writing of Paul we find the vigorous adjuration *against the concept* that it was the PHYSICAL or NATURAL BODY that was to be raised.

Incarnation after incarnation, specie after specie, genus after genus, the body of a given expression of the life wave is the result of the previous vibrational manifestation, and when sown, it is but the *seed* of the body that shall serve as the vehicle of the next expression.

TO DIE IS NOT TO CEASE LIVING Now: that which is sown is not quickened except it die. Herein is an apparent paradox. In other words, unless the seed dies it cannot live. Thus we see at a glance that the old initiates of whom Paul was an undoubted leader, KNEW that to die is not to cease living; that death is not cessation of anything except previous FORM, and that death is simply CHANGE, through the process of Putrefaction, for in the process, decomposition of organic structure takes place, (disinte-

gration of compounds) as stated earlier, when we saw that Sanctificatio was the process of breaking down the compounds — a process of breaking down which is finished by that of Putrefactio in disintegrating and decomposing them, in order to liberate that body "that shall be".

And herein we find actively at work, the God influence or Solar Influence which is embodied and continuously manifest in all things.

THE ORIGIN OF THE LIFE IMPULSE

Whence came the first impulse to independent life in the embryo in the human mother? Whence came the impulse to independent life of the spirit through the process of Putrefactio, of the newly born into the spirit world in the womb of Mother Earth? The answer is the same in both cases. *From the God Influence or Solar Influence embodied, enshrined, and consciously constructive, consciously active, and consciously creative in all things, organic and inorganic.*

Thus Putrefactio is the step to continuously higher states of expression in every department of life.

How do we know there is no death, but only change? Setting aside the numerous scientific evidences available, let us look again at the 38th verse of the chapter quoted. "But God hath given it a body as it hath pleased him, AND TO EVERY SEED HIS OWN BODY."

THOSE WHO HEAR AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND : In view of the hundreds of times this passage has been translated in diverse tongues, (even to the most obscure), and the illimitable millions of times it has been read in churches, universities, theological cemeteries, or, as some call them — 'seminaries' — it is almost inconceivable that the key has been ignored. And yet it has! Verily indeed have the generations of professing students for nearly 20 centuries been dull of eye and hard of ear and understanding.

Ordinarily, this passage is interpreted as meaning that God gives to each specie its appropriate body or vehicle, for its needs, ignoring the processes of Nature and Evolution that provide for all such requirements without the special interposition of Deity.

— BUT MOST OF ALL THEY IGNORE THE VERY KEY,
WHICH IS THE WORD 'HIS'.

Is it not obvious that if the Apostolic writer meant that God gave to every seed an appropriate body he would have written in the proper gender, 'ITS'. ? But we are distinctly taught that God gives to every seed HIS - GOD'S OWN - BODY.

Therefore, regardless of genus, specie, or race, every living thing HAS and IS a part of THE BODY OF GOD and in the Body of God there can be NO DEATH, otherwise there could be no God.

And by being IN and OF the Body of God, we are permeated and actuated by the BREATH and LIFE of God.

But we are not specially concerned with the seed of the human body or its reproduction, incarnation after incarnation. The process of Putrefaction, illustrations of which in one instance serve as infallible guides in all other instances, applies Hermetically to the decomposition and disintegration of the greatest of all seeds, the PRIMORDIAL SEED within us, which each incarnation permits the process of Putrefaction to develop still further.

THE PUTREFYING SOLAR PRINCIPLE The Solar or Deific life principle which will Putrefy this Seed so that it may come forth that body which shall be, *is the Divine Essence (the Corpuscle of Primordial Substance) which emanated from the Sun, permeates all Matter, pierces rocks and soil alike — and vitalizes the Seed of Gold that slumbers in all forms of life, organic and inorganic.* So it penetrates each of us, gradually Putrefying the Golden Seed within us, until in due time we rise from death unto life, having first nourished the seed within us which was sown in the corruption of the human flesh, sown in the dishonour of mortal life with its human frailties.

This is the active agent in all metallic transformations, whether it takes place throughout countless ages in the bosom of Mother Earth, or more quickly through the inherent powers of the chemist and the alchemist.

THE EFFECT OF POOR VISION And the very human body in which seed is sown is that Adam or red earth which was formerly esteemed of so little value. Like the red earth Litharge, formerly held to be of no account, and now known to possess high chemical values, the human body was formerly condemned, maltreated, mutilated and mortified by pious theologians and laity alike who sought spirituality by defiling and wounding the very Temple of its spiritual inhabitant.

But now we see more clearly, and know this very body to be the treasure chest of the greatest of all treasures, the Golden Seed, as expressed in the immortal Charge of Sendivogius : "O Man, KNOW THYSELF! IN THEE IS HID THE TREASURE OF TREASURES." Well may our Masonic brethren promise to KEEP AND CONCEAL AND NEVER REVEAL that which is committed to them, although in their modern exoteric organization they may not have the faintest concept of what it is they are concealing.

The chemist performs most of his operations by the aid of FIRE. The alchemist operates principally by the aid of Water.

Philaletes says: "The Seed of all things has been placed by God in Water, i.e. the feminine principle or matrix. So in the rituals of the R+C we are taught that "as from water came forth all forms of life upon our planet....." etc.

Seed is vastly more than the mere illustration furnished us by the product of the vegetable kingdom. Sendivogius says "Seed is nothing but congealed AIR (Hydrogen) or a vaporous humour enclosed in a body; and unless it be dissolved by a warm vapour, it cannot work." This is true seed. The invisible (AIRY) substance of Deity or Divinity, inherent in every homo, which incarnated in the material matrix of Mother Earth or an Earthly Mother is warmed by the Warm moist vapor until it dissolves and then WORKS.

PUTREFACTION AND TRANSFORMATION Putrefactio is then in reality, dissolution and dissolving. But everything that is, comes from seed. Some "exhibit their seed openly as in the case of flowers and vegetables, some keep it in their organs like certain animals, others conceal it in the depths of their being like minerals and metals. But in each, the seed sown in the corruption of Matter is stirred by the Putrefying activities of a certain Divine celestial influence (the Solar Energy) coagulating into material water, and passes through a series of fermentive processes, (fermentation being the principle of all transmutation) until it has produced that for which it was specially suited.

Through the medium of Water, in which all Seed in Man and Metals is hidden, the celestial influence is enabled to penetrate the rock, its natural matrix and to develop the seed into various minerals and metallic forms, all destined to one ultimate unfoldment. So it is also in Man. The seed in the one instance to all appearances transforms even the rock itself into a higher and more perfect substance as the general development progresses. So in man, as the seed unfolds through its gradual putrefaction it transforms the boy into the man, and the ignorance of youth into the wisdom of maturity. Ultimately it transforms the natural body into the Spiritual body

The development of seed placed in the soil and the seed placed in the human body appears at first consideration to be something vastly different, yet they are essentially the same thing. Nature alone determines the ultimate destiny of each.

Let us examine the cases and phenomena of spontaneous generation. This heading will include the fungi. One of Nature's wonders is the growth under actual sight, of the mushroom and the toadstool. What is its seed? Whence comes it? How was it first planted? What is the Cause of its phenomenal growth? It may be answered that fundamentally it is analogous to the activity of yeast. What is yeast? The answer is: species of fungi. Its seed under the microscope we find consists of strings or successions of living protoplasmic cells. It is a direct result of fermentation and putrefaction. It is an essential food nourishment and element and by its action alcohol is liber-

ated and eliminated from wine. THUS FROM THIS EXAMPLE WE SEE THAT PUTREFACTIO IS AN AGENT TO MORE RAPID GROWTH AND THE LIBERATION OF ESSENTIAL SPIRIT, AS WELL AS BEING THE PROVIDER OF NOURISHMENT.

Fermentation means definite chemical change in constituency and is closely associated with Putrefactio, the two being inseparable. Fermentation means Putrefaction, decomposition, and therefore death — which is NOT death but LIFE — MORE ABUNDANTLY.

No change of vital conditions and no resurrection can be effected without this form of death. This is what Saint Paul means when he wrote, "That which thou sowest is NOT QUICKENED, EXCEPT IT DIE."

The process of life in man is maintained by the two activities of breathing and eating. Living flesh must receive its vitality from food and air.

Every particle that enters the stomach MUST immediately undergo a process of Putrefaction and decomposition. Why? Because it is necessary to "break up" the atomic and molecular cohesion, and by thus freeing the Vital Seed, perfect it and enable it to WORK and vitalize. This Putrefaction is Nature's way of shucking the food kernel to get at the innermost vital seed in each particle of food substance received into the body. In this way the life force is continuously replenished.

MAN, THE PHILOSOPHICAL STONE So the human body is made up of the countless tiny seeds which, coming from the food, have germinated and grown into cell structure exactly as the mushroom grew, only much slower. Organically, this is all there is to man's physical vehicle, a vast network of protoplasmic cells — a great yeast plan. The digestive system is called by Astrologers, "Virgo", the Virgin or Maiden of the World who forever receives, conceives and forever brings forth.

These vital seeds that enter and develop in the human body are virtually mineral seeds. Man is himself, no other than an animated, organized STONE, as stated in the R+C rituals. His birth into the World is a striking analogy to the birth of the so-called PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

In the beginning, the substance or composition of the embryo is practically shapeless. It remains in the Vase, Urn, or Womb for nearly 40 weeks. Then there comes forth the product of the Putrefaction of the Seed which is not quickened except it die, — the result of the subtle, creative potency of Spirit : infant MAN.

"The new being is nursed and fed until it attains strength to stand alone in its environment. It becomes in due time : MAN, the marvelous transmuting spiritual agent, a vehicle for the expression of the Consciousness of the Divine ONE."

In this transmutation, Man is thus the epitome or Philosophical STONE inasmuch as he is the synthesis of all the metals and substances that compose STONE in the aggregation of the millions of tiny seeds that make up his being, and will enable him to regenerate and transmit to futurity the same God-producing STONE itself.

SPIRITUAL SEED OF LIGHT Humanity in the total is the feminine recipient, womb, or matrix of the higher Spiritual Seed of LIGHT. Man and Womb-man are but the correlated parts, individually considered, of the one highest vehicle of life expression and projection. It is due to this fact that the wonderful bi-une being, Man, contains within ITself the requisite seed for perpetuating itself.

Putrefaction is the principle KEY to the process of the Transmutation, as it is in the phenomena of generation. Death is but the story of Cadmus who slew the Dragon and sowed the Teeth, from which sprung up the army of soldiers. Nothing can be killed or permanently destroyed, only FORM may be changed.

All that death means is the freeing of the atoms of an organized structure by the process of dissolving, dissolution — Putrefaction. Death is the initial step always to the newer and higher life expression, for no atom can remain for more than an instant alone. It must immediately recombine. This it does in obedience to the laws of Chemical Affinity, with mathematical precision. As we have seen by some illustrations of suspended animation and hibernation among lower animal forms, death may mean as in the case of the seed gathered in the barn, or located in the frozen earth, a more or less protracted sleep, but the heat and moisture and warm vapours of Nature's alchemical processes will dissolve it, and growth will take place normally out of the decomposing mass.

In the case of humans, this can only take place in those who are spiritually dead, and who thus require much time in awakening and responding to the consciousness of their new environment.

But for those who anticipate their future estate, who look forward joyously to a brighter life of usefulness, free from earthly inhibitions and obstacles, Putrefactio becomes the process of liberation of the imprisoned spirit to a glorious resurrection of greater, brighter life, liberty, happiness and usefulness, in the Presence of the Father in whose body they have always existed, and in whose body and life, there is no Death, but only life immortal.

What is the putrefying Deific principle?

By virtue of what seed is it that we are raised from corruption to incorruption?

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Disciplina Arcani

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Dear Friends

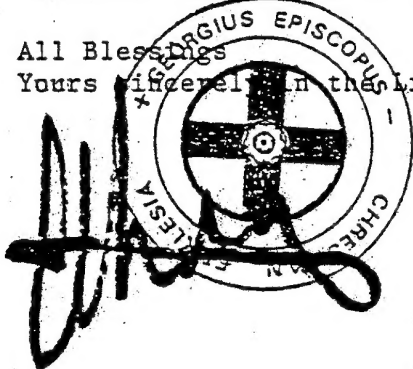
We are all acquainted with the ancient axiom "As above, so below" in our work and this lecture shows that there is much activity going on underneath our own skins.

Man stands at the point between that which he sees and that which he does not see within his own make-up. That which is described in the narrative appears very involved and complicated and equals the same integrated outworkings throughout the whole universe.

The question might be asked "Is it necessary for my enlightenment to learn all this technically involved knowledge?" Not really - this is intended to give you some idea of how little we know of the great wonder of life. The outer scheme reveals an intelligence far beyond our ken and we only need to know, where we are at the moment, some of the laws which relate to man himself. When we are able to live according to that which the Universe requires of us our body temple functions harmoniously and health ensues. Being ignorant of the laws of living we upset the marvellous rhythm of the body and disease attacks us.

By living a life of purity within the discipline of the self we allow the finer aspects of our make-up to become more apparent in our experiences and makes heaven a possibility here and now; for our bodies are delicately made to allow the Godhead to dwell with us and our hopes are fulfilled.

All Blessings
Yours sincerely in the Light



Original

There is within the cranium of man an 'inner eye' called the 'eye behind the physical eye' which is attached to the pineal seal by a web of delicate wires or nerves and above the pineal is the organ called the Optic Thalamus also called the Light, or Eye of the Chamber. In the Greek Mysteries this organ was called 'The Light of the World' and is indicated in the New Testament by veiled hints as the 'Inner Eye', such as 'The Temple needs no light of the Sun' and 'If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be filled with Light'.

Santee in his 'Anatomy of the Brain and Spinal Cord' describes this thalamus as the eye or Optic, and says it "is the great ganglion of the inter-brain, sometimes called the bed or chamber, projecting backwards over the mid-brain, laterally it rests against the superior lamina of the internal capsule, which separates it from the lentiform nucleus. It is shaped like an egg, with the small end directed forward, it measures 4cm, or about one and one half inches in length, and 2.5cm, or one inch in width and thickness, it has an interior and posterior extremity and four surfaces.

"The posterior surface (dorsal) of the mid-brain, though free, is entirely concealed by the cerebellar and cerebral hemispheres. It forms part of the floor of the transverse tissue of the cerebrum and is covered by pia mater, the lateral sulcus bounds it on each side, from the sulcus laterals it elevates abruptly toward the median, where it presents a longitudinal groove, this produces two ridges which are sub-divided by a transverse groove into FOUR EMINENCES or I.N.R.I., or the Cross, the colliculi of the corpora quadrigemina. On either side, anterior and a little lateral to the quadrigominal colliculus by an oblique ridge, called the brachium inferius. The nearly parallel longitudinal ridges below the corpora quadrigemina are formed by the brachia conjunctiva of the cerebellum, the bottom of the groove between them is formed by the superior medullary volumn of Vieussens, when the trochlear nerve (fourth) is seen issuing.

Mid-Brain

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| 1. Corpora quadrigemina and brachia | 2. Pedunculi |
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"The four colliculi of the corpora quadrigemina and the four brachia connecting them with the geniculate bodies constitute the quadrigominal lamina, which forms the greater part of the posterior surface of the mid-brain, it is also called the tectum. This lamina quadrigemina presents a small median triangle between the superior colliculi and the habenula, called the sub-pineal triangle in which the pineal body rests, the lamina is invested with pia mater.'

The most extraordinary thing about the claims of the present Rosy Cross bodies, is that they know nothing of this triangle and pineal seal which is shown as the 'Hidden Eye' within it. Let us see what Santee has to say of this 'Hidden Eye' or the 'Pineal Gland'. "The ancients, from time immemorial, have considered the pine tree as the most sacred of all trees. The pineal gland or Corpus Pineale, is shaped like a pine cone, and the ancient physiologist who gave it its name, must assuredly have understood its great esoteric function. It is 6mm (0.25 inches) high, and 4mm (0.17 ins) in diameter, joined to the root of the third ventricle by a flattened stalk, the habenula, it is also called epiphysis and conarium. It is small, reddish and the size of a pea, its interior is made up of closed follicles surrounded by ingrowths of connective tissue, these follicles are filled with epithelial cells mixed with calcarous (lime) matter, the brain-sand (acervulus cerebri), these calcareous deposits are found also in the spinal stalk and along the choiroid plexuses."

The real meaning of the Great Pyramid will reveal to us the meaning of the Sacred Claustrium and the Stone of the Tomb of Christ. Before we enter the King's Chamber we enter the ante-room and we find the 'granite leaf' which are these four grooves which correspond to these four eminences, the colliculi of the corpra quadrigomena in the mid-brain, the ante-chamber of the head, we then find that the first Chamber, that of the Queen or feminine pituitary gland and then to the higher King's Chamber the masculine pineal gland. The Well which connects the King's Chamber with the subterranean grotto, corresponds in anatomy to the left sympathetic system, and the grotto is the sacral plexus, where the first crucifixion of the Seed (Jesus) takes place. This plexus is the dividing line between the lower animal or the Adam of Earth and the Soul residing within the heart shaped cerebellum, this is one of the inner meanings of Hiram Abiff by whose death (generation) the Word was lost.

This 'pia mater' is Latin for 'tender mother' and is to be found within the cerebrum, and is like 'tears and sweat' instead of serum or oil and is composed of both saline and alkaline and there is a large percent of sodium chloride therein. Therefore, the Christ could be interpreted as being the Divine Light or Essence which flows through the brain from the Divine Soul, and which floods the Temple of God provided that the body keeps to its given rate of motion, the atoms whirl around their nucleus, but again this whirling process requires 'oil' to keep it running smoothly. This is the meaning of the Wise and Foolish Virgins.

As all lamps need oil to keep them alight, so, too, does this All-Seeing Eye, the oil which is needed to feed this 'Lamp' comes from the cerebrum blended with the phlegem of

the pituitary gland. This pituitary gland is a small, reddish, ellipsoid organ in the depression of the sphenoid bone, and attached to the brain by a peduncle. "It contains the viscid, jelly-like material (pituita) and consists of two lobes bound together by connective tissue and secretes a fluid that seems to stimulate the growth of connective tissues and to be essential to sex development".

Christ said that "I am the Light of the World". This refers to the cerebrum, this word is made up of two words 'ceres' meaning wax and 'brum' meaning a 'whirling wheel' and this is also verified by the fact that our word 'world' comes from the word 'whirl'. This now becomes very suggestive to the reader. The Divine Essence or the 'Pia Mater' is this Light emanating from the whirling sand of the cerebrum and thus filling the brain with Light.

If this pia mater is furnished to the brain by the Tithes, the pineal gland becomes like a Rock, and seems to have an aura, this is caused by this matter passing up through the channel along the stalk to the cone, the vibrations of the pineal gland are vivified, the bi-convex lens in the cerebrum, focalised in the 'All-Seeing Eye' within the triangle. A hint may be given here, the cross symbolises the four eminences, the circle which is always shown behind or on the cross is the 'whirling wheel' and the Eye within the centre of the circle is the 'All-Seeing Eye' of the Divine Soul. The inscription hints at the Christed-Seed crucified within the Cross of Matter.

According to the Timeless Law of God, error cannot be sanctified by age or custom, so until we cast aside prejudice and dogma and seek the truth of the meaning of the words 'Jesus' and 'Christ' we will not understand the Bible as we now have it. Constantine was told by the Bishops of his time that there was no forgiveness for the crimes of which he was guilty, so to make sure that he would be saved he commanded the Bishops to devise a plan of salvation in order that the blood of the innocent and mythical Christ might save him from eternal damnation. By this means the process was set into motion to transform the spiritual Christ into that of the physical Christ, hence the reasons why the theologians have not been able to agree upon the true nature of the Christ.

Now the Greek word for 'Jesus' comes from 'Ichthos' meaning a fish and our medical doctors tell us that the semen or creative force has the odour and taste of a fish. This means the Jesus refers to this creative force of Kundalini or Serpent Fire in the spinal cord. Christ then refers to the oil consistency or ointment within the force as it has been shown by the smear over the doors of the Israelites in the story of Moses.

At the age of twelve this force begins to move up the spinal cord to the cerebellum, hence we find Jesus in the Temple within Jerusalem or the cerebellum after he returns from Egypt symbolising the generative organs.

During every month in the life of every man and woman, that is to say after the age of puberty, about the end of every 29½ days when the moon is in the natal Zodiacal sign that the sun was in at the time of birth, there is a psycho-physical seed of 'Son of Man' formed in the solar plexus or the pneumo-gastric plexus commonly called the 'House of Bread' in likeness to the placenta, the seed will either find its way up the spinal cord to the thalamus or it will find its outlet in sexual activity.

The name of the town of Bethlehem comes from two words, 'Beth', a house, and 'lehem' - bread, therefore Bethlehem refers to the solar plexus. This is the meaning of the words: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return to thee after many days". In anatomy, we find that the 'waters' refer to the blood and nerve fluids of the body which carries the fish or seed on its 'Divine Journey' to regenerate the body, therefore this seed will save and redeem man from his animal passions.

On the journey up the spinal cord the seed reaches a point called Nazareth where it is cooked or prepared for the work of spiritualising the whole of the body. Hence we find that any materialised thing is bread, or mass, maso, or dough. Thus the Catholic Mass, means the materialisation of the divine manna from heaven and in the body - Nazareth. This also contains the same meaning of the Word Mas-on. It will now be seen why the Catholics and Masons are not in agreement, for the letter 'N' is an abbreviation of the 14th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, NUN the fish. Therefore Joshua and Jesus means the same thing - a fish. By adding the letter N to Maso, the meaning of the prepared fish in the thalamus becomes clear and the Catholic priesthood strenuously objected to the real meaning of Jesus becoming known.

It is interesting to note that the Christ seemed to concentrate upon the symbol of the fish, as we will see that the disciples were fishermen, the money to the funds was taken from the mouth of a fish and the sign of two fishes was their secret symbol of recognition and the bishops wore a mitre which is shaped like a fish's head. This is the underlying meaning of the 5 loaves of bread and the two fishes, just as Jonah was a devotee of the worship of the Dove being swallowed by Dagon Fish of Moloch of the Canaanites. The Dove is symbolic of peace, calmness, and at the Baptism of Jesus the Dove or germ was seen descending from the grey matter of the brain whilst Jesus was in the waters of the

Jordan or spine, hence the meaning of the storm of the sex desire in man. Thus for a man to be saved, he must save his Seed or Jesus. This indicates the meaning of John when he says: "He that is born of God cannot sin (or fall short of knowledge) for his seed (fish) remaineth in him".

The age of puberty is then about the age of twelve years and up to that age a child does not understand moral responsibility, hence Herod seeks to destroy the 'first born' or the first seed at the age of puberty. We see the same glyph in the story of Moses being found in the waters of the spinal cord and Pharaoh, meaning the desire nature, seeking to destroy the first born. This means that Egypt is the Kingdom of Desire below the solar plexus and that which is above the Red Sea (blood) and is symbolised by Taurus the generative power, the land is above, above the Red Sea is called the Land of Canaan or Heaven, hence the saying that the 'kingdom of heaven is within you'. Therefore the Balance or Libra is to be found within the higher and lower nature and the solar plexus being the centre represents Enoch, half-man and half-fish.

The River Nile is the spinal cord and the Daughter of Pharaoh refers to the City of Jerusalem. Moses means 'drawn from the water' just as the fish are drawn from the water, this is the sign of Pisces, or the two fishes, just as Thomas Vaughan claimed that we had two fishes within our human nature. Moses in this respect refers to the generative seed and his Laws refers to our life in the physical region of life. The Pillar of Fire and the Crossing of the Red Sea all refer to the sign of Taurus the Bull, the sign of generation on all regions of the personality of man.

Jesus means the 'God of Salvation' which comes from the word 'salvia' which saves the body by digesting or preparing the seed-fish, this salvia is a smear or ointment. The 'Sal' or Sol is the salt which saves the food or ointment. When Jesus is baptised in the Jordan by John, this refers to the baptising of the fluids - Christ - which are the substance of the spinal cord, and if lifted up, it becomes 'my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'. Oannes refers to the fluids of the body and his Gospel tells of the Spiritual Man using the fluids to enter into the body of Jesus, so, if a man lives in wickedness, the human Soul dies to the Christ.

The Alchemists studied the arts of astrology, biology and bio-chemistry and if applied with wisdom and understanding it will lead us in the great Alchemical Laboratory of the 'Fearfully and wonderfully made human temple' - the temple made without the sound of a saw or hammer, and it is within this wonderful temple that we must seek the Christ. It was under the Alchemical symbols that the Brothers of the Rosy Cross, Brothers of Light and Hermetical students sought the great Mystery of Light - MAN.

The redeeming Son of God is the 'Esse' the Universal Solvent of the Alchemists and through this Esse the Universal Intelligence moves and brings man to his goal. This is called the 'Philosopher's Stone' or the 'Elixir of Life' which is carried through the lungs into the arteries, they are the air carriers, where it unites with the inorganic cell-salts, then materialises (cooked) and forms granules, and is then deposited as flesh and bone for the human temple, hence the illusion to the seven years of plenty and seven years of famine, it takes seven years for the whole of the atoms of the body to be changed.

For the reader of Illumination to realise the power of the Divine Eye within his own thalamus, it will be necessary for him to know that in the 'Word' and 'Jordan', the OR in the names refers to the gold of the precious substance of the Seed. Hence, the gold - The Seed of Redemption - refers to the alchemical processes of the Christed-Seed within the body, and their symbols are:

Gold	(Sun)	Sulphur	Sal Ammoniac
Silver	(Moon)	Salt	Sublimation
Copper	(Venus)	Water	Sublimate of Mercury
Iron	(Mars)	Fire	Realgar
Mercury	(Mercury)	Aqua Fortis	Viotriol
Lead	(Saturn)	Earth	Retort
Tin	(Jupiter)	Air	Common Salt

Hence the key to the meaning of the Gospels in relation to the workings of the Divine Seed is the literary and graphic, the literary is the method of applying fanciful names to substances and the graphic refers to the applying names and actions for the various parts of the body and its functions. Therefore, if the modern Rose Cross claim to be the successors of the Rosy Cross, then may we ask why they know nothing of this ancient science. The reason is obvious, they are not the successors and never will be the successors of this Ancient Brotherhood.

The word 'Jordan' through the letters 'OR' becomes the Hebrew word for Judge, this means that the Creative Power operates through the precious substance and produces judgement or Wisdom, the location of this OR or Gold is to be found within the upper brain, the cerebrum, and this is the pia mater or the 'Precious Ointment' or the Christed Seed, it is the WORD of St John and the Masons. Thus the 'Lost Word' of the Masons is the symbol of the animal thought which eats of the Tree of Life by desire, this means that you are losing the gold or the 'or' of the body. This now reveals yet another meaning of the Garden of Eden and Forbidden Tree. In Masonry, the word 'Hiram' means high born, and, if the body is squared correctly, the Divine Seed will pass up the 33 Degrees or vertebrae of the spinal cord

until it reaches the pineal gland and then Illumines the Single Eye of the Thalamus.

By the conservation and transmutation of the sex substance the pineal gland becomes firm and hard like a rock (Tyre) and has the same meaning as Peter or Petra - a rock or pineal gland and the 'Chair of St Peter' is the thalamus and the two lobes are crossed like two keys. These symbols have been taken over by the Catholic Church without knowing (to the public) the meaning of their stolen goods. In Masonry we find that Hiram Abiff was resurrected during the delay caused by searching for his body; in other words a month or 29½ days has passed and another seed is born which the candidate for Initiation is admonished not to slay.

Peter cuts off the ear of a soldier who represents the world of the desire nature, but Jesus puts it back. The meaning of this subtle act should be quite clear to the Mason or Illuminee Adept. Peter assumes two meanings as the drama is played out within the body, upon his (Peter's) betrayal of Christ thrice he symbolised the desire nature of the three regions of the personality, and in the Garden he is shown as the Rock cutting off the ability to know the Wisdom, the rest belongs to the Secret Tradition. This means that the underlying meaning of the various personages in the gospels are inter-changeable and only an Illumined Adept can really know the whole Truth of Man.

The upper brain furnishes all that man contains and Jesus is not the Saviour until he becomes Christed of John in the Jordan, then the Dove descends down the spinal cord and enters into Jesus, thus making Jesus the Christed One. So it will be seen that there are two fishes within man, one was Jesus the carpenter, the man or Hiram Abiff, and the other, the Christed Jesus, the Son of God. To us it means that Jesus is the human Soul and the Christed Jesus is the Divine Soul united within the waters of the body by means of the Esse or the Seed of Jesse. We will note that there is no 'J' in the Hebrew alphabet, Jesse becomes Esse.

So by re-reading 'The Great Parable' it will be seen that when the Christed Seed crossed the two nerves or Golgotha above the pons, the veil of the temple or the 'shimmering web of atomic substances' is rent and the earthquake occurs, the whole of the body is re-oriented and the dead matter of the body or tomb comes forth. This means that the generative cells of the body are quickened, the body becomes spiritualised and the Divine Eye of the Soul now shines forth into the darkness of the Virgin Matter of the body and illumines it.

To crucify, means to add to or increase a thousand-fold, hence one of the reasons for David dancing before the Ark of

God and his thousand wives, but he is naked, hence the man is divested himself of the desire nature. The Ark of God is the Thalamus with its two lobes symbolised by the two Cherubim whose wings are spread over the opening of the Ark in such a way as to symbolise the Lingham and the Yoni, the Ark of the Covenant was a phallic symbol.

The Lord Buddha wears a thousand petalled headdress over the pineal gland or the Divine Eye and the Crown Gland has a thousand petals. The winged headdress of the Pharaohs also had the same meaning. The Orb with the two wings symbolised the Flight of the Soul from the body by means of the Asp, the Serpent of Kundalini.

When this crucifixion takes place the two nerves are crossed, they are the Two Keys of St Peter which will unlock the Holy of Holies, when they cross each other, they set afire the oil in the cerebrum, thus lighting the whole of the body, just as Moses saw the Divine within a burning bush on the top of the mountain of Horeb and yet the bush was not burned, indicating that it is spiritual fire, and by this fire burns out upon the two tablets of stone the Law, the tablets being the two lobes of the thalamus.

By means of crossing the two impulses within the Seed gives power to the pineal gland at such a rate that it causes the 'Light of the King's Chamber to fill the whole of the body with Light' and will send its vibration out along the optic nerve to the physical eye and thus will heal the blind (here the blind refers to men still within the body or tomb of flesh) and, if directed along the other nerves of the body, will cause a transmutation of the elements within the body into that of pure gold. Hence the 'Word' is simply two 'Vs', one on top of each other making up a figure of man, and the Or meaning the vital substance of the body and 'D' is the Door through which the Divine Soul enters into the thalamus and illumines the body, therefore it is this Esse or Christos which vivifies the Seed and causes it to germinate within the solar plexus. There is no Hebrew equivalent for the letter 'W' and some of the Kabbalists claim that it is the symbol for Celestial Water. This means that in the original manuscripts the WORD and JESSE could not be, we wonder what the original words were?

Alchemy then is the Divine Chemistry of the Body and those who followed this quest were the Christian Mystics who knew the true meaning of the Christ and Jesus. The modern Rosicrucians and Alchemists still hold to the historical Jesus, this means that they have no connection with the Rosae Crucis, otherwise their teachings would follow along the lines we have given in this article. Being ourselves a pledge Initiate of the Secret Brotherhood of the Rosae Crucis can only hope that the Laws of the Brotherhood will one day allow us to speak openly, until then we can only speak in veiled language.

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WATER

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Eccl., 11, 1.



NE cannot read extensively in Holy Writ without becoming conscious of the manifold references to water, either in ceremonial, allegorical, physical or spiritual usage. Neither can one engage much in traveling in any land without becoming aware of the prodigality of Nature in her supply of this wonderful tho apparently commonplace element. The occult student encounters constant reference and allusion to the water element; the astrologer to the influences of watery signs and aspects, and the physicist to the water constituents of almost every substance. Nor do the analogies end here, for the watery oceans of the material world are the crystallized correspondences of the etheric oceans and the ocean of cosmic space, so-called.

The water area of the globe is 140,295,000 sq. miles, much more than the land area which is only 56,255,000 sq. miles. Water forms more than 50% by weight of all living matter. The human body is 59% water and the rock or solid portion of the globe contains a similar preponderance.

These facts are cited to show the universality of this element, out of which we have been taught that all forms of life emerged.

Our text therefore, takes on a much greater importance than would at first appear, especially when we remember that all Scripture is to be taken, not literally, but esoterically and as parable. It is obvious at once that the act of casting material bread into water would have no specific value except that of furnishing food to possible fishes, and the explanation commonly offered us by theologians, that of performing kindly acts of charity and benevolence is equally unsatisfactory.

Water is to us as Rosierucians, the symbol at once of progress, evolution, continuity, parenthood and re-incarnation. It is the sign to us that always there has been and always there will be manifested, continuous life. From the primordial steamy and watery envelope of our newly forming sphere, came the condensed watery globules descending to form vast primaeval oceans. As the watery envelope became thinner and lighter so that the sun's rays could penetrate, those same globules became vaporized, lifted up into the heavens, and, after the separation of land and water elements, descended upon the earth, diverted into many channels by the water sheds of the mountain ranges, irrigating practically every portion of the planet.

In their progress along the pathways formed by the water sheds, the original globules combined to produce brooks, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, etc., until they found a common meeting place in the nirvana of ocean, whence in due time they emerged to continue the onward and manifesting process. And as we look upon the waters of inland streams or of the great oceans, we gradually understand that the same matter upon which we look is that which has formed in primordial times the watery envelope or matrix which constituted the waters of birth of our planet, still with us after untold transitional processes and rebirths.

But the important point is, that water, in passing thru these transitional phases and processes, does not simply undergo a repetition of vaporizings and condensations. It has a specific duty to perform. It acts as a carrier, removing soil which, as silt, it deposits in places where it is needed, far from its original bed. Under the direction of the Creative Hierarchs it acts thru the processes of erosion to change and modify the surface of the planet. It tunnels under mountains, wears open great chasms in the solid rock and alters the contour of a continent. It dissolves, extracts and holds in suspension valuable mineral constituents, delivering them where they are most needed. In some cases it charges itself with healing properties for plant, animal and man. It stores heat in summer to be liberated in winter.

All this is the history also of the life of Man. Like the water which forms such a great proportion of his weight and bulk, Man is precipitated or crystallized out of the cosmic matrix in the waters of child-birth. He too, is destined to become a carrier, the carrier of a modicum of the Divine Spirit which "brooded over the waters" at the creation of the world. He too, absorbs, dissolves and holds in suspension valuable mineral elements, not depositing them but transmuting them, even as does the water of the free streams, to higher planes and potencies. Man too, is sometimes surcharged with healing powers, not only for his individual fellow men, but for the nations.

And when Man's day at school here on earth is ended, he too, is released from the physical envelope and raised up into the heavens, into the nirvana of the cosmic ocean, there to remain until like the simpler elements, his time comes for the return journey to earth. And like the watery globules lifted high in fleecy clouds, Man too, undergoes a process of purification, so that in due time he may make his descent to earth in a condition of renewed purity and freedom from all that is gross.

In the smallest globule of water there is a latent power awaiting the action of heat to release it and permit it to perform wonders in the service of Man. In the humblest Man there is a tremendous power latent, awaiting the activity of the heat of bodily combustion to release it that it may perform its wonders for the benefit of the world and the service of Humanity. The heat developed under great mental stress is evidence

of the processes going on within the bodily organism, as witness by the emotions resultant thereupon. And consequent upon this interior activity, the mental processes make the Man powerful to remove even mountains if they are in the way of a proposed railroad, harness the power of a Niagara and override the severest storms of ocean.

Time after time Man emerges from the cosmic ocean of the heavenly Nirvana, to descend again and again into the abyss or waters of matter and mortal life, each time bringing with him somewhat of the purity and vitality of the life-giving powers of the interior worlds.

Bread is the symbol used esoterically and spiritually of that which sustains and supports life. Thus, when the Master, teaching thru the inspired writer of Ecclesiastes, advised that we cast our bread upon the waters, assuring us that we would find it again after many days, he certainly did not teach in a material sense nor did he refer to coldly calculated acts of charity and benevolence, widely heralded by well paid press agents. For charity definitely planned is consciously or unconsciously, designed to cheat God and the Laws of Recompense and Compensation. Strictly speaking, God alone is in a position to dispense Charity, inasmuch as He alone is the *Father* of all. Man can give no real charity, for he can only give to his fellow men what is already theirs by Divine right, but which unfortunately, some of them have not been as successful in realizing, as have others. Every human being has a divine right to the kindly fruits of the earth, that in due season he may enjoy them. Every human being has an inalienable right to the full measure of the products of his labor, and if he is cheated or defrauded out of them by superior mental cunning or brawn, the thief has no right to salve his own conscience by restoring some of the pelf under the camouflage of charity. No indeed, it is not definitely planned professional benevolence that the Master had in mind when giving the sage precept, it was something far deeper.

Casting our bread upon the waters meant and still means, the relegating of the constructive, sustaining, supporting *acts, words, and deeds* of our daily lives, to the waters of the Etheric Ocean about us. We have been rightly taught that everything in the mortal world has an imperishable invisible archetype, from which the original idea may be recovered at any time, even ages after the material crystallization of the idea has crumbled and vanished. But in the parent waters of the Etheric Ocean, all the archetypes remain in perfect preservation, and from them, a work begun in one mortal life expression may be recovered and is recovered unconsciously to us all, when the time comes in a subsequent life expression for us to take up the work and carry it on, to possible fruition. So we *shall* recover our bread after many days, a thousand years being but a day in God's sight. And if the bread we have cast be unconstructive, unsustaining and devitalizing, and not fit for the service of Humanity, then we may be very sure that it will be found by us mouldy, water-soaked and worthless.

If, however, the bread we have offered in the name and for the service of our fellow men, be constructive, sustaining and supporting in every respect, no matter how far short of the ideal we may have set before us at the time, we may be equally sure of finding it again after the many days, a source of wonder to us how it has increased and multiplied under the beneficent influence of the higher powers who further every good work. Then it will be to us a source of encouragement to take it up and carry it on to a better and fuller fruition.

Thus far we have considered only those analogies between water and Man which are pleasing and gratifying and not without a certain poetic coloring. But we are warned against another property of water, when, in

Genesis, 49, 4, we are told that, "unstable as water, thou shalt not excel." Water seeks its level but it is rarely in a state of equilibrium because of that very seeking. Water at rest and perfectly static, becomes stagnant and a menace to health and life. Man is constantly seeking a higher level of development and consciousness. By this seeking he is seldom in a state of equilibrium. The man at perfect rest and static is unprogressive, wastes opportunity for development and by his inertia and sluggishness becomes slothful and a menace to the community in which he lives.

But the instability of water is the Source of its danger to Man, and the principal reason why water remains simply water instead of becoming a more complex condition as it repeats its own history age after age. Instability in a Man is the principal source of danger to himself and to the community about him, preventing him in his onward progress. The unstable Man lacking firmness, moral courage, and a keen sense of personal responsibility and moral accountability, is undependable and falls far short of being the valuable member of society that he might otherwise become. Such a man is he whom the Prophet Ezekiel describes, saying his "knees shall be weak as water."

Again, consider the experience enshrined within the tiniest drop of water. The raindrop which today finds refuge in the bosom of the Hudson may, not long before have formed an integral part of the Great Lakes, or, it may have come still further, from some cloudland lake embosomed in the Rockies. Before that incarnation it may have been part of the broad bosom of the Pacific, and ere it reacht that resting place who can tell what scenes it may have witnest in foreign lands, even lands untrodden by the white man.

So too, with Man; he has come an age long journey, resting from time to time in many countries as he chose for different mortal expressions. Yet the experience gained in each, has become a veritable part of himself, etcht deep in his individual seed atoms and brot over and along with him, age after age. Man is the conservator of many influences and conditions accreted during many long epochal time periods.

Ocean holds within its broad confines the auras of things celestial and things terrestrial for its substance has contacted both. Man contains within himself principles celestial and terrestrial for he has lived in and is a part of both.

In conformity with the principle of all Hermetic study, we have given in the foregoing observations the general analogies between water and Man taken in his totality as a composite being. Coming to specific correspondences however, we will note that alchemically, water is almost invariably spoken of as referring to the realm of the soul; the connecting link between spirit and matter. Furthermore, it represents thought.

Here again a notable correspondence is seen, for water by chemical analysis is said to be composed of two volumes of hydrogen to one of oxygen, or by weight, two parts of hydrogen to sixteen parts of oxygen. It is chemically exprest by the formula H_2O . Now pure water is colorless, limpid and neither alkaline nor acid. It takes on color only when observed in connection with a specific environment. In mass it appears blue and green according to the light in which it is seen. It takes on all colors from solid white to solid black according to the properties gathered and which it holds in suspension, in other than the state of absolute purity. All these conditions and properties apply with equal accuracy and force to the human soul.

The soul, in its threefold aspect it will be remembered, is the link between spirit and matter or the threefold spirit and the threefold body, being extracted from the latter by the former. The consistency of the soul pabulum thus extracted is, like water, in the proportion of two parts physical matter to one part spirit matter by volume, or by weight two parts physical matter to sixteen parts spiritual matter. The first condition gives soul its volume; the second its force or energizing, vitalizing, supporting and sustaining power.

Like water, the human soul also is colorless in its absolutely pure state, so far as the highest obtainable degree of human clairvoyance can ever discern, but on the authority of the Masters it is stated that to the celestial observers a pure human soul glows with a golden radiance that far exceeds the brilliance of the solar orb at meridian; the only material object comparable to it being the sacrificial Host after consecration, and the solar and soular analogies between these two should not escape observation and note.

We have noted, however, that water takes on the aspect of color when viewed in relation to environment and in accordance with the residuum of matter it may hold in suspension. This is equally true of the soul. It is distilled or extracted from the threefold body by the threefold spirit and the distilled or extracted product is pure and colorless at the moment of its extraction. From that moment however, its aspect will be in accordance with the state of relative purity of the threefold spirit and the status of the Ego. The soul will hold much of its purity of color in the case of the advanced Ego and highly developed threefold spirit, but will become quickly colored in accordance with the karmic conditions pertaining to the Ego who has much to give account for to the inexorable laws of compensation and restitution.

Water is the great medium connecting all continents and land areas on the planet. It penetrates the sub-soil, forms a large percentage by bulk and volume of the earth's crust and may be said to be omnipresent. This is equally analogous to the ocean of thought. The substance of the thought world may, in one sense be said to be colorless, fluidic, undulatory and in a state of constant vibration, seeking equilibrium. The substance of the thought world is colored by the activities and impressions made upon it by two different groups,—the invisible entities and those incarnate. The latter receive from the substance of the thought world what is desired to be conveyed to them from the spirits disembodied.

As the water flows and percolates thruout the earth, so the substance or water of the thought world flows and percolates thruout all earth's humanity. Those who "take time to think" deeply, draw on the waters of thought life and develop a corresponding degree of intelligence, while those who "do not waste time in thought" are undeniable evidences of their boast and make little progress.

All humanity can enter freely into participation in the ocean of thought. This gives us the key to the exclamation of the Prophet Isaiah, when, in the opening lines of his 55th chapter he said, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye,"—and again, later on he explains that in so doing, "your soul shall live." Theology informs us that the waters referred to are the promises of the Master Christ. But mere belief in or acceptance of any promises, even tho they be those of God himself, will not avail one jot or tittle, unless they are received in an active sense and reacted upon by the recipient in such a way as to make them a part of his individuality and daily life. In the 23rd chapter of the Proverbs of Solomon, the 7th verse, we are advised that as a man *thinketh* in his heart, so is he. What

is more, any man can be whatsoever he desires to be if he thinks himself such steadfastly enuf in his heart, for by so doing he sets in operation in his behalf the Law of Attraction that draws to him those waters of life from the thought world, which, as mentioned earlier in our Instruction, may be surcharged with healing for past conditions and strength for new ones, and by the very fluidic nature of the thought world substance, he will draw into himself the archetypes of that which he desires to be, and in due time will accomplish the remodelling or reformation of himself on the lines laid down by the archetypes he has drawn. *This is a scientific truth in spiritual research not heretofore made known.*

In each of the Elements there is a spark or modicum of the first and greatest of them all, the FIRE Element. This principle it is, that gives the power possest by each of the remaining three. Water possesses this Fire Element to a remarkable degree, and it is by virtue of the Fire in the Water that many of the most remarkable properties of the latter are possible. It is the Fire Principle in the Water that preserves and purifies and it is the Fire Principle that makes Water the great symbol to us of reincarnation and continuity of life. This shown by the gorgeous illustration offered us by Nature in the fall of every year, when the sap of which water is the principal constituent flows down the tree or shrub and would leave the latter to wither and die were it not for the Fire Principle formerly inherent in the water which then leaves it and incarnates itself in the vegetable form, manifesting forth the incarnation of the Divine Flame in the myriad flame colors of autumnal verdure and foliage and preserving the form alive by the power of the Divine Spirit within, until the Water Element rises another year to claim its own and continue the process of growth to a greater and more luxuriant degree.

Water is a conductor of electricity and is also capable of magnetization to a remarkable degree for healing purposes. This fact of its ability to transmit the greatest of all cosmic forces and to embody magnetic properties in such a manner that they may be applied for the healing of human ills, shows forth the nature of Water in such a way that we may more than suspect that it forms an integral part of what our ancient and mediaeval brethren sought under the name of the *Universal Solvent* and the *Panacea*. In the case of the first we must of course study the aspects of Water from the Mercurial standpoint, but in the case of the latter, the Healing Panacea, we may conclude that in Water we have one of the principal constituents. The others we must deduce from future Instructions.

There is another essential mystery in the nature of water. The solid crust of earth remains a fixture. Water, vaporizes and ascends into the ambient heavens about us. It condenses and is precipitated downwards again to the earth. Back and forth thru the ages it makes the journey up and down. But every time it ascends, in the process of evaporation it leaves behind it some life-giving mineral substance and has in the mean time given to mother earth a new vitality taken out of the ether and atmosphere surrounding our planet. It carries many of earth's impurities upwards to be cleansed. It brings down the purifying powers from on high to earth. For this reason was the esoteric mixture of water with the blood of the Master Jesus necessary that in emerging from the corpus of the latter, the Christos might make his entrance into his future Kingdom. The *blood* of the Man of Golgotha furnished the *specific vehicle of occupancy*; the *Water* furnisht the *immediate vehicle of entrance and penetration*, inasmuch as it was the one element of true mediatorial nature and character equally native to the heavens and the earth.

Water itself is unstable. But the ocean liner now makes its trips in a state of practically perfect equilibrium thru the device known as the marine gyroscope which enables the ship to preserve its equilibrium under the most trying conditions. The same is true of Man. Immerst, almost submerged, in the waters or depths of matter, he too may preserve his equilibrium by the gyroscope of spiritual perception if he will develop the specific organs therefor, even as the ship builders develop a special instrument for their purposes.

This spiritual gyroscope is absolutely necessary, for we can become lost in the ocean of thought as easily and completely as we can become lost in the ocean or waters of commercialism and materialism about us and one state is just as harmful to the evolving human as the other. This spiritual gyroscope is just as necessary to the modern man and woman as the little instrument used on shipboard is to the mariner. The spiritual gyroscope is the union of the two powerful physico-psycho-intellectual organs or instruments known as the Pineal Gland and the Pituitary Body in the brain. Spiritual development does not mean the cultivation of pseudo and sickly sentimentality nor the adoption of fads of living, speaking, breathing or diet. It is the development of a splendid physique, a quick, keen, active brain and mentality, both equilibrated and controlled by the awakened and developed organs of the threefold spirit, stabilizing us in our daily activities, and preserving our balance between the materialism of the outer world and the fallacies of a world distorted by psychic and intellectual fads usually mistaken for spiritual environments.

As we look upon ocean or in fact any body of water, let us always pause to contemplate what possibilities of future life it may hold in store. The races of humanity that we ordinarily contemplate in occult science have not indeed come from the ocean ooze, for we have been taut that man-in-the-making as represented by present and past humanity began in the parent Sun, but we also know by study of evolutionary processes that the human seed planted in our planet that will be manifest in races to follow our wave, are now on their way up from primordial conditions and that the ocean and vast bodies of water salt and fresh form the combined parents of life forms even to the human that will be as different from our own, as we are from the races of man shown by the discovery of prehistoric remains and vestiges.

Water is to us the symbol of the continuity of life, for we know that just so long as there is water upon our planet there will also be life in abundance and the means of supporting it, and just as the water rises and descends, up to the heavens and down upon the earth, so will the same group of humanity rise from physical death to spiritual light and life, and then in due time descend upon the earth, like the water to bring down the celestial conditions thereupon for the benefit, service and advancement of humanity existent and to come.

We may not be in a position to dispense large sums of worldly wealth or material substance in casting our bread upon the waters, but there is one way in which every one can help and cast their bread in the sure knowledge that they WILL find it after many days, and that not only will *they* find it, but many others who need it in the mean time will also find it and profit withal. The way in which all CAN cast their bread upon the waters, is by casting into the waters of the thought world, constructive, helpful, sustaining ideas and concepts; not impracticable ideals, for like the litter of the carpenter's shop they only obstruct the waters of archetypal forms, but carefully worked out ideas, intensely practical.

This does not include the dreamings and mental maunderings of would be world reformers, for such have never proved practical or of tangible value. There is no such thing and can be no such thing as a world reformer, ready with a panacea to cure all of humanity's ills, for the simple reason that the world is God incarnate, and no mere human speck can reform or cure God nor does He require it. God is in His heaven at all times and all's well with the world, only sometimes the world is not fully intelligible to the momentary expressions of God that we call humanity, nor is this surprising, for if it were not so, then humanity would be gifted with equal wisdom with God, which is unthinkable.

A concept of a perfect man or woman, a perfect race, as nearly as we can formulate a vision of perfection, worked over in the mind's laboratory, developed carefully, discarding day after day the imperfections that become obvious to us, and then at frequent and regular intervals projected into the waters of the thought world, will, as those waters surely flow, pass thru many human brains and minds, and all the desirable details will be received and reacted upon by those who can grasp them intelligently, require them for purposes immediately at hand, and apply them for the common good. In this way it will not be unusual for one to see one's cherished ideal worked out right within his or her life time and observation, and many an earnest worker can confidently altho secretly be sure that he is in reality, the original parent of some improvement to society.

Let no one feel that his ideas may not be suitable. The Fire in the Water will vivify the idea and burn its way into the thought processes of one or many who may be able to mould the original thought form to greater perfection, and like the parent who has been separated from his offspring for many years, when next he beholds it, he finds a full grown, well developed, practical, useful creation and addition to society. And at no time in the world's history more than the present have useful, practical, mental creators been required, for the generations next succeeding our own will have many problems to solve the like of which have never been heretofore presented to the human race. We can do much now, if we will, by casting our bread upon the waters, not the bread of strife and social disorder, adding confusion to confusion, but the bread of strength, practical, useful, constructive ideas for a wholesome society, moral growth, preservation of the home and family, rule and governments of equity and justice. There never can be such a thing as human equality any more than the infants in the primary department can be equal to the collegiate graduates, but there can be justice even tho it has been long delayed. Constructive concepts of this sort are the bread we should and can cast upon the waters of the thought world, and it will surely and inevitably return to each of us after many days.
